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# Authors Ajak and Bernstein speak about Sudanese Conflict

*Cecilia Bode  
Staff Writer*

Co-authors, Benjamin Ajak and Judy Bernstein, spoke on their book, 'They Poured Fire on Us From the Sky: the True Story of Three Lost Boys from Sudan' on Mon, Oct. 27, in the Reeves Auditorium.

The book is this year's reading for all freshmen seminar classes. This meant that there were many students in attendance that had read the book. The novel is about several young refugees traveling through Sudan to escape pilaging and destruction wrought by the Sudanese army.

The conference began with a 60-minute video about the "lost boys" of Sudan. The video followed two men, a preacher and doctor, throughout their lives in a refugee camp.

The video showed the lack of food and water in the camp and portrayed the constant wait Sudanese citizens faced to try to get to America. The camp these two men inhabited was actually better than the rest of Sudan. Despite that, there was little food or water and the shelters were in ruins.

Both of the men in the video were chosen to travel to

America. They took classes to learn about what life in America would be like. When the day came for them to leave, sadness spread throughout the camp, because the refugees would be losing their only preacher and doctor.

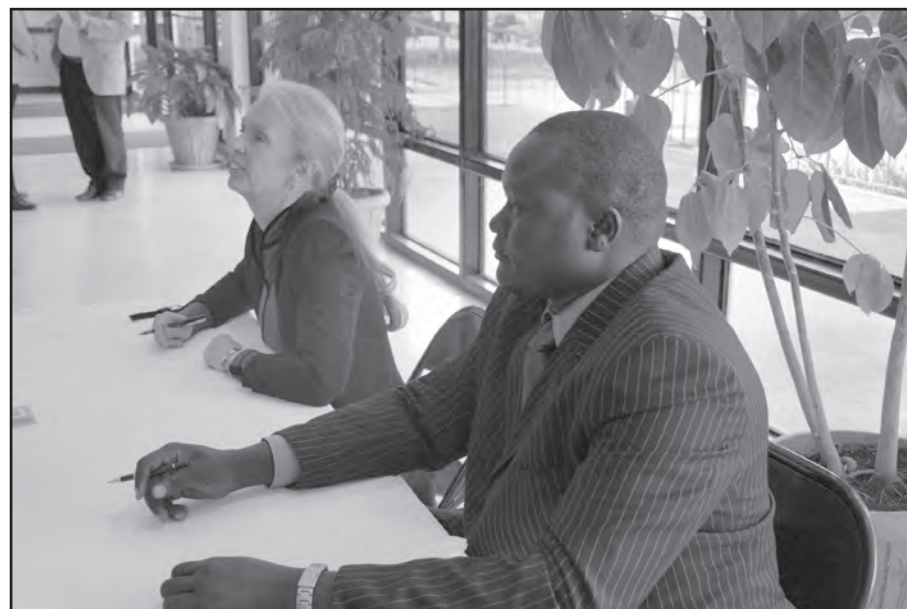
When the men arrived in America, they were given an apartment to live in with other men from Sudan. The apartment was rent-free for the first three weeks. Then, the men had to find jobs to pay for their own living expenses.

After the video, Ajak discussed his experiences in Sudan and about coming to the United States. He also answered questions from the audience.

Bernstein spoke about the Sudanese conflict in more general terms. She said the main source of the conflict is the constant struggle for resources, namely oil. When oil was found in the southern part of Sudan, the army mobilized to take control of it. Many towns were caught

between the army and the oil. These towns were often destroyed or slaughtered by the army so that there would be no threat to the oil fields. When the people in the towns heard that the army was coming, they fled further south into refugee camps in Kenya and Ethiopia. In the last decade, the United States has been taking in refugees to reduce the number of people in the camps.

Both authors remained outside of the auditorium to sign students' copies of the book.



Benjamin Ajak and Judy Bernstein sign students' books after the program.  
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## Garber Hall hosts 'House of Horrors'

*Cecilia Bode  
Staff Writer*

Screams could be heard throughout the night on Oct. 30, emanating from "Garber's House of Horrors."

Members from the Residence Hall Association (RHA) and Greek Life worked throughout the day to bring a horrifying haunted house to Methodist's campus.

"It was ballin'," said Ashley Williams, a freshman who visited the haunted house.

The suspense built as everyone entered the Garber lobby. Mummies and bloody hand prints covered the windows. The line of people zigzagged throughout Garber's lobby and up the stairs into the hallway. Victims waited in line while a caution video played on the television. They were soon led throughout the house in groups of four or five by a tour guide.

The first room was full of body parts. Some were on the floor while others were hanging from the ceiling. As the groups passed through the second room many were grabbed unexpectedly by a clown lying on the floor. The groups were then taken to the end of the hallway and could see a room full of clowns and a room with a man being electrocuted prior to being led outside.

Outside the groups were exposed to another area full of body parts and were led around a corner to a graveyard. The graveyard had headstones and a few coffins in it. As the groups walked by, someone popped up out one of the coffins.

In the end everyone was taken to the exit where a mad man with a chainsaw chased the victims from the house.

There was a large turnout at the haunted house, which made it a success.

# Basketball season tips off with Hoopla Frenzy

Ashley Genova  
Editor-in-Chief

Methodist students met the new men's and women's basketball team during the eleventh annual Hoopla Frenzy, formerly known as Midnight Madness.

The Frenzy is celebrated in memory of Chris Ryan, who was the former Student Activities Director for sixteen years. He died of an allergic reaction to a bee sting.

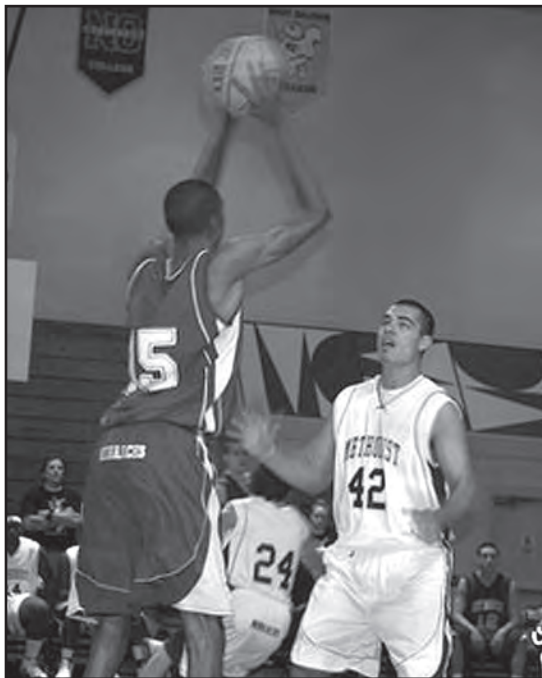
"Chris left us too soon but he will never be forgotten," the announcer said during the opening of the Frenzy.

Ryan's wife and two of his sons attended Hoopla Frenzy and Chris's House is named in memory of him.

When this year's Hoopla Frenzy began on Wed. Nov. 29, the basketball players entered Riddle Gym like rock stars. The lights were dimmed and flashing multicolored disco lights were the only illumination. As their names and stats were announced, the players ran through a cloud of smoke made by a fog machine.

Entertainment was provided by the pep band, dance team, cheerleaders and basketball players. The pep band played several tunes throughout the night and the dance team and cheerleaders performed.

The basketball players played several mini-games. One of them was shooting baskets from cones placed on the court. Both the



Marcus Connor shoots the ball over the head of teammate, Joshua Crumpler

Photo by Jessie Heath

men's and women's basketball players split up their teams to play a ten-minute game against each other.

In one game, two players wore beer goggles and raced to make a basket on each side of the court as the audience laughed while the players stumbled and fell.

The audience even got in on the action. One Methodist student traveled from center court to the hoop, in order to make a basket, in less than three seconds. His prize was a \$100 Visa gift card.

Free t-shirts for Hoopla Frenzy were tossed into the stands by Methodist's cheerleaders. The shirts were black and had a Halloween theme, with ghosts and a full moon.

A serving of Chic-Fil-A wrapped up Hoopla Frenzy as the first introduction to this year's Methodist basketball teams.

## 'Distinguished Graduate' will be selected to speak

Deanna Piacente  
Staff Writer

For the first time in over 50 years, Methodist University will have a student representative speaking at commencement.

Last year, senior Ben Gray attended a graduation ceremony at MU for the first time and was unpleasantly surprised about the lack of student involvement. He decided to be proactive. Gray met with the University President, Elton Hendricks, to voice his concerns about the graduation ceremonies.

Gray was told that "a formal



Ben Gray, Initiator of the Distinguished Graduate proposal

proposal must be created to fully convince our academic community."

Gray then drafted the proposal needed to make his ideas a reality. With the help of Alpha Chi, the National Social Work Honor

Society, Gray worked to spread the word to students and faculty.

He asked for support and signatures for the necessary formal proposal. After over 500 signatures were collected from students and faculty, the ideas were again proposed, and approved by both Dr. Hendricks and Dr. Delmas Crisp, vice president for academic affairs.

After the approval, Dr Crisp formed a diverse committee of students, faculty and staff to consider the many available options to implement with the blossoming tradition. It was decided that the graduating seniors with the five highest

grade point averages (GPAs) would be notified and given the opportunity to apply for the position

"The speaker will be of high academic standing, while simultaneously representing the vote of the student body."

- Ben Gray

of Methodist University's Distinguished Graduate.

"If only one had accepted, then obviously he or she would be the default speaker," said Gray.

"However, since more

than one candidate applied, their resumes were posted online so that their peers, other graduating seniors, were able to vote on who they'd like to receive the honor. The speaker will be of high academic standing, while simultaneously representing the vote of the student body. The process covers all the bases."

Voting for the position was held several weeks ago, however, the speaker has not been announced to the student body yet. For a more detailed description of the lengthy process, contact Ben Gray at [bgray@student.methodist.edu](mailto:bgray@student.methodist.edu).

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# Opinion

## Ashley Asks...

Ashley Young  
News Editor

How do you feel about Barack Obama being our new president?



"I believe it's going to be a big change for the nation. It's rough because I'm a Republican. I believe that he's probably going to do some good things for the economy but it's going to be tough. It's going to be different for the nation."

—Matt Novozinsky, a freshman PGM major



"I'm the chairman of the Young Democrat Club and I'm very excited that Barack Obama won. America came together and you can obviously see that with the numbers that voted and the overwhelming win for Obama. I'm very pleased America is calling for change."

—Taron Stubbs, a junior business administration major.



"I really didn't care about which one won. I was kind of in the middle."

—Tesha Tipton, a freshman athletic trainer major.



"I was fine with it until afterwards when all the political people on the news completely disregarded his politics and focused solely on the fact that he's black. I'm not satisfied because our society is still so polarized on the race and skin color that a candidate was able to use that and ride a victory into the White House. If John McCain would have run as the next 'white president' the media would have been in an uproar."

—Anthony Liuzza, SGA President

## A word about underage drinking at Homecoming

Alicia Secord



Methodist University, as all students should know, is a dry campus. In the US, it is illegal to drink alcohol before turning 21. However, neither of these facts stopped numerous students from arriving at homecoming drunk.

Many students follow Methodist's policies on drinking. If they choose to drink, it is off campus on their own time. Some, however, drink in the residence halls or show up to events trashed.

I observed several students at the homecoming dance last weekend who had been drinking far beyond what is acceptable. One male student was unconscious on the sidewalk outside of the AIT building. A female student needed assistance to find her way out of a bathroom stall. As additional drunken people arrived, the dancing became more and more inappropriate.

Kim Genova, director of Career Services, was one of the staff members working at the dance. She sat at the door and checked the identification of the students entering.

"I think that the students did not use good judgment," she said. "They obviously used

an off-campus site as a reason to consume alcohol in excess."

This activity can be a major annoyance to other people at school events. It is also illegal and unsafe.

If someone is arrested for underage drinking there would be fines and the possible loss of license. The Student Handbook outlines punishments for drinking on campus to include, fines, suspension, and expulsion. Any infraction committed while intoxicated also carries a heavier penalty.

Drinking excessively has many risks beyond the legal repercussions. One can become a target of a mugging or assault. According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), 1,700 students die each year from alcohol-related injuries.

When choosing a weekend activity, obey the law and use good judgment.

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# Obama's challenges begin

Carl Leubsdorf  
The Dallas Morning News  
(MCT)

For Barack Obama, winning the White House may have been the easy part.

That's not to take anything away from the 47-year-old senator's stunning achievement in becoming the nation's first black president by expanding the traditional Democratic coalition. But even before he captured such "red" states as Ohio and Indiana, Colorado and Nevada, Florida and Virginia, it was clear the next president would face perhaps the most difficult domestic situation since Franklin D. Roosevelt took office in the Depression.

Indeed, in hailing his triumph, Obama conceded "the enormity of the task that lies ahead," noting he will inherit "two wars, a planet in peril, the worst financial crisis in a century. ... The road ahead will be long. Our climb will be steep. We may not get there in one year or even one term."

His words were reminiscent of John F. Kennedy's inaugural address, when another generation's young leader declared that his work might not be finished within 100 or 1,000 days or "even perhaps in our lifetime on this planet. But let us begin."

Because of this fall's financial collapse, Obama will have to craft a broad economic recovery package as his first order of business, even before he tries to fulfill

campaign promises for a long-term alternative energy program and extension of health care coverage.

Fortunately, voters have given him what could become the most coherent working majority for any Democratic president since the 89th Congress enacted Lyndon Johnson's Great Society in the 1960s.

Democratic gains fell short of some optimistic expectations but should be able to curb the Republican ability to obstruct Obama's proposals.

And McCain's words in offering Obama "our good will and earnest effort to find ways to come together to find the necessary compromises" were a far cry from Senate GOP leader Bob Dole's defiant 1992 vow to lead the opposition to newly elected Bill Clinton at every turn.

Though Democrats failed to win a 60-vote, veto-proof majority in the Senate, they should be able, if they so choose, to work with a small number of GOP moderates - and perhaps McCain - to ensure votes for the new president's agenda.

Democrats also bolstered their working majority in the House, where an influx of northern members has made the party more ideologically compatible than when Jimmy Carter and Clinton had to rely on conservative Southern Democrats.

Obama, meanwhile, gives every indication he will move quickly to craft an experienced governing team and the proposals he will present the new Congress in January, if it proves impossible to do something when lawmakers return this month.

It's also widely believed he will put Republicans into key posts, perhaps keeping Robert Gates as defense secretary. That would help set the less partisan tone that Americans have long sought and which Mr. Obama reiterated he would seek when he said Tuesday: "I hear your voices. I need your help. And I will be your president, too."

President Bush accentuated that tone Wednesday, when he hailed the outcome as "a triumph of the American story" and foresaw "the inspiring moment" when the new president enters the White House.

Still, it will be 75 days before Obama takes office, and Bush will retain legal authority, if not the political clout.

Interregnums can be tricky, as when Carter was trying to free the Iranian hostages before Ronald Reagan took over and, even more notably, when FDR had to wait four months to replace a weakened Herbert Hoover.

Given the circumstances, Obama needs to focus on crafting a program and installing a team so he can really hit the ground running in January.



Art by Chris Ware, MCT Campus

## FAYETTEVILLE AREA RESTAURANT RATINGS

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<b>CHINA KING</b> 3915 RAMSEY ST SUITE 105 99.00 [A]	Thoroughly clean the following; all shelves above the prep cooler and the table, the gaskets on all refrigeration units, the outside of the rice cooker, and the splash guard by the three compartment sink.
<b>BALDINOS</b> 3404 RAMSEY ST 96.50 [A]	Replace missing thermometers in coolers. Ensure thermometers used are accurate for food items. Clean the horizontal shelves in the walk-in cooler and dry store/single service area. Repair or replace the shelves under the counter. Repaint along the front counter in the prep area. Repair, replace, and clean thoroughly the gaskets for the undercounter cooler and prep table coolers. Repair or replace loose vents in the grill
<b>GOLDEN CORRAL</b> 3900 RAMSEY ST 96.50 [A]	Clean the racks where the bowls are stored. Debris and sitting water was on the rack during the time of inspection. Properly air dry all dishware before stacking and storing.
<b>WAFFLE HOUSE</b> 4141 RAMSEY STREET 96.50 [A]	Thoroughly clean all food contact surfaces. Several plates had food debris left in them. Garbage and trash resulting from the food service establishment shall be disposed of in an approved manner. Trash should not be stored on the outside of the facility, it should be placed in the dumpster.

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## Methodist bands together to Stop Hunger Now

Ashley Genova  
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Over 500 volunteers mixed and packed meals for the "Stop Hunger Now" project in Berns on Oct. 29.

Rev. Michael Safley, who helped organize the project, said that around 300 people signed up to participate. According to those in charge of "Stop Hunger Now," only about half of the people who signed up showed up to work. The volunteers were not just students, but also fac-

ulty and staff.

"This event was proof that when MU students, faculty and staff band together, great things happen," said Kim Genova, director of Career Services.

Genova passed out hand sanitizer and hairnets before the food packaging began.

The volunteers bagged, sealed, and packaged 30,000 meals in two and half hours. The goal was reached early, as the same amount of meals was set to be packed in three hours.

"We exceeded our goal," said

Safley. "Next time we'll increase our goal."

The meals consisted of a cup of soy protein, a tablespoon of dehydrated vegetables, a vitamin pill and a cup of rice. Volunteers took turns pouring these ingredients down a funnel while another volunteer held a bag underneath the funnel. The bags were weighed, sealed and packaged by more volunteers. For every thousand meals pack-

aged, a gong would ring.

The meals will be sent to Haiti. There the meals can be boiled and eaten.

"Haiti is the poorest country in this hemisphere," said Safley. "Hurricanes have devastated the country."

Safley said this was the first year "Stop Hunger Now" has packaged food at Methodist.

The project was part of the freshman reading program. The book this year, "They Poured Fire on Us From the Sky: The True Story of Three Lost Boys from Sudan," features starving characters. The intention of the project is to save others from a similar fate. Safley said the project will probably return to campus next year.



Students, faculty and staff participated to package 30,000 meals.

Photo by Lakeisha Story

## Homecoming provides many fun-filled events

Danielle Levine  
Sports Editor

Nov. 1, Methodist campus was crowded with people from all over the state and country. People traveled to the campus for one thing: homecoming.

Homecoming at MU is an annual series of events, filled with fun for students, alumni, and staff. All members of the Monarch community had a chance to celebrate.

Events that took place during homecoming included the traditional annual football game and dance. Homecoming also included events for faculty and alumni.

Faculty and alumni were given various opportunities to make donations to the university and to the MU Alumni Association, including a Silent Auction.

The MU Alumni Association also sponsored awards at the pre-game events. The Distinguished Alumni Award went to Earl Leake from the class of '73. The Outstanding Alumni Award went to Mark Moses, class of '97. The Outstanding Faculty/Staff Award went to Dr. Sid Gautam, director of the Center for Entrepreneurship.

As kick-off at Monarch Stadium approached, cheerleaders, dancers and musicians prepared to pep up the

Monarch fans for the football game against Maryville College of Maryville, Tenn. The end result was not what a Monarch would

want to see, however. The Scots defeated the Monarchs by a score of 38-0.

After the game was over, the students began to prepare for the Homecoming dance which was held at the AIT building in downtown Fayetteville. Students and alumni were invited to dance and have fun. There was an assortment of food, drinks and music. Attendees also had the opportunity to have professional quality photographs taken by representatives of Student Media for very little money.

Around midnight, the music was stopped for the announcement of the 2008 Homecoming King and Queen. Runners-up were André Harris, Brian Barrows, Kristen Whitehurst, and Brittani Surrat. This year's homecoming king and queen were Tazz Petty and Samantha Gamble.

Homecoming at Methodist is always a time to look forward to, and there are many opportunities for people to be entertained. Even those who chose to miss the dance had an opportunity to enjoy themselves. There were multiple residential assistants (RAs) on duty in each building providing plenty to do in the residence halls.



Homecoming King, Tazz Petty, and Queen, Samantha Gamble

Photo by Lakeisha Story

# Obama wins presidency; Democrats widen majority in Congress



President-elect Barack Obama  
Photo courtesy of MCT

*Steven Thomma  
McClatchy Newspapers  
(MCT)*

Barack Obama was elected the 44th president of the United States on Tuesday, swept to victory by an anxious country eager to change course at home and abroad.

Obama, 47, becomes the first African-American in U.S. history to win the presidency and the first from the generation that came of age after the turbulence of the 1960s. He built his campaign on a mastery of the Internet as an organizing tool that will change the way presidential campaigns are run forever. His biracial background reflects the changing demographics of America in the 21st century. And his victories in formerly Republican states in the South, Midwest and West reflect a changing political order in the making.

After an epic struggle, the first-term Democratic senator from Illinois defeated Republican John McCain, 72, a hero of the Vietnam War and a four-term senator from Arizona.

Obama was at the vanguard of Democratic gains across the country that promised him a solid working majority in both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Democratic challengers ousted Republican incumbent Sens. Elizabeth Dole in North Carolina and John Sununu in New Hampshire. Democrats also picked up open Republican Senate seats in New Mexico and Virginia.

However, they failed to oust Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, apparently dashing their hopes of gaining a filibuster-proof 60 votes in the Senate.

Eager for a popular mandate to reshape the government, Obama

appeared well on his way late Tuesday night to become the first Democrat to take a majority of the popular vote since Jimmy Carter eked out 50.1 percent in 1976.

Obama sealed his victory by holding all the states that went Democratic in 2004, then picking off Republican states including Iowa, New Mexico and Ohio.

Ohio was particularly important: No Republican has ever won the presidency without Ohio. No Democrat had won the White House without it since John Kennedy.

There as everywhere, the faltering economy dominated voters' minds and tilted the political landscape solidly against the Republicans as the party of power - and responsibility - in the White House.

Interest was intense.

More than 40 million Americans already had voted by Tuesday morning, and total turnout was expected to top 130 million. The turnout rate was likely to rival the modern record of 67 percent set in 1960, the highest since women were granted the right to vote in 1920.

The Democratic wins came at a moment of history when the country was unusually anxious, as eight years of a Republican presidency are ending with an economy sinking into recession, markets in turmoil and U.S. troops at war in Afghanistan and Iraq.

President Bush, whose popularity plummeted following his close re-election four years ago, was all but invisible Tuesday, shunned on the campaign trail and watching the returns in the seclusion of the White House.

He voted earlier by absentee ballot in Texas, where he expects to move after leaving office on Jan. 20.



  
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# Entertainment

## 'SAW V' carries on tradition of gore

*Douglas Wade*  
Ad Manager

The games have begun again...

New twists and games emerge as SAW V entered theatres on Oct. 24. David Hackl, the series' director uses this fifth movie to tie up loose ends from the previous four movies, and also sets up for the next release of SAW VI.

SAW V shows how Detective Mark Hoffman (Costas Mandylor) was recruited by John Kramer, aka, Jigsaw (Tobin Bell) and became his accomplice. Just because SAW V ties up some loose ends don't think that the games have ended... the games have only begun. In SAW V, five new individuals are grotesquely tested to see if they can survive one of Jigsaw's latest traps. While the five new individuals struggle with each other to survive his test, Agent Strahm (Scott Patterson) draws ever closer to uncovering the new Jigsaw's accomplice.

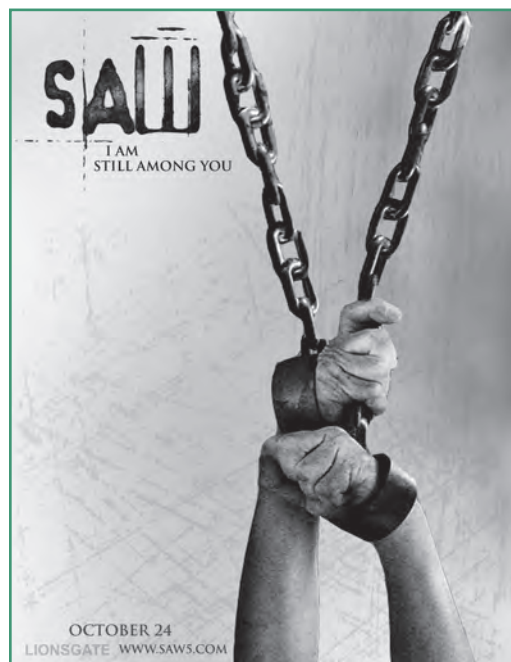
A new mystery appears when

Jill Tuck, Jigsaw's ex-wife (Betsy Russell) is called in to meet with a man whom was instructed to meet with her upon John's death. What he has left behind for her is a video tape and a box with contents inside; however the contents of the box remain a mystery to viewers. Leaving movie watchers asking themselves is Jill to be the latest and newest accomplice to her late husband's twisted and puzzling games or is her role to test Detective Hoffman?

The cinema graphic approach to this installment of the SAW series included the series' trademark use of flashbacks and explicit use of gore. Flashbacks include the true identities of all those who helped make the personality of Jigsaw.

The characters who survived the previous movies are challenged and explored in new ways. Even in the wake of the death of the original Jigsaw, his legacy live on.

SAW V in my opinion was a great movie. I give it a 9 out of 10.



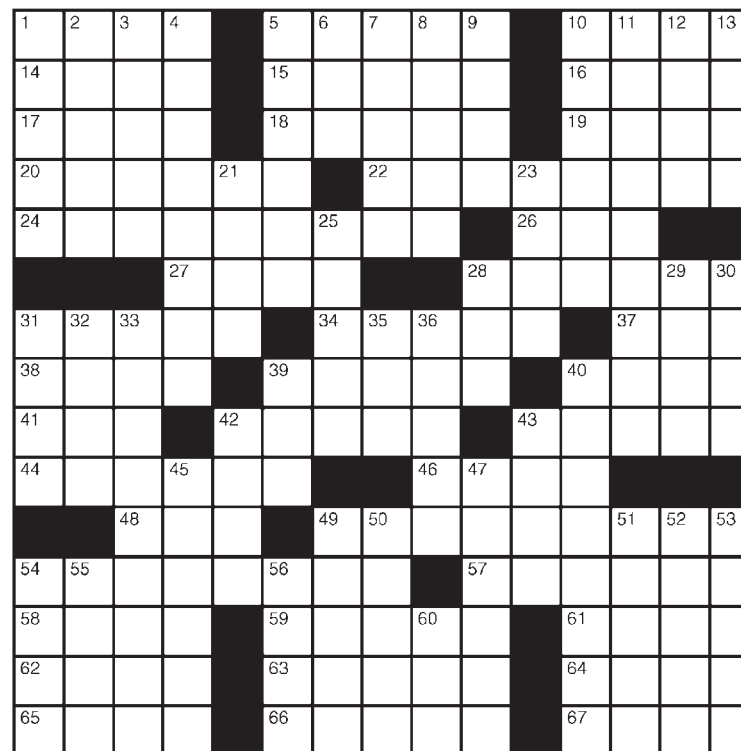
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# Sports

## Freshman Evans gains school-record:

### 253 rushing yards to carry Virginia Tech past No. 23 Maryland

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BLACKSBURG, Va. - Virginia Tech's offense had been in reverse for two weeks. The Hokies had a pair of quarterbacks with bum ankles and prepared their third-stringer to start against Maryland. Tech's last 100-yard performance by a tailback was in 2007.

None of that mattered Thursday night, as Tech had an offensive outburst keyed by Sean Glennon's timely passing and redshirt freshman Darren Evans' rushing effort - the best in school history.

The Hokies raced to a big early lead and held on for a 23-13 win

over the 23rd-ranked Terrapins in front of a rowdy Lane Stadium crowd.

Glennon showed few signs of his left high-ankle sprain, completing 14 of 20 passes for 127 yards and a touchdown. But his best work was handing off to Evans, who broke loose for a school-record 253 yards and a touchdown on 32 carries.

"Life was pretty easy for me tonight," Glennon said. "I only had to make a few tough throws. Most of the work was me just standing and watching Darren run over people. ... I've never seen him run with that kind of power and intensity, and I hope to God he keeps it up."

Tech (6-3, 3-2 ACC) man-

aged 300-plus total yards in just two games before Thursday, only once against a I-A opponent, and had been held under 250 yards four times - including the last two losses.

The Hokies had 250 yards midway through the third quarter and finished with their first 400-yard game of the year. That helped build a 17-point cushion for Tech, which then had to survive a second-half comeback by Maryland (6-3, 3-2).

By beating the Atlantic Division leader, the Hokies remain in control of their fate in the Coastal Division. If Tech wins its final three games, it will earn a spot in the Dec. 6 ACC title game in Tampa, Fla.

"Things looked bleak, but ... we just said, 'Let's forget those first eight games. We've got a four-game season. We go 4-0, we go to Tampa.'" Glennon said. "This is Step 1."

The Hokies can thank Evans for that. On their second drive, he ran seven times for 49 yards and the offense staged a long, methodical drive that concluded in the end zone - something that had been exceedingly rare this season.

Before Thursday, Tech had just six drives of 70 yards or longer. They had two such marches in the first half.

The first went 71 yards on 11 plays, using six minutes. Glennon needed to complete just two pass-

es - the last a 5-yard touchdown toss to tight end Greg Boone in the back of the end zone.

Boone, a 280-pound former quarterback at Oscar Smith High, took two snaps from center on the drive, including a 5-yard rush to the Maryland 15. Tech led 7-0 with 2:49 left in the first quarter.

Maryland answered with a field goal, but the Hokies were off and running again.

After the defense stuffed Maryland on third-and-1 midway through the second quarter, Evans ripped off a 50-yard run - bouncing off a tackler and sprinting down the sideline.

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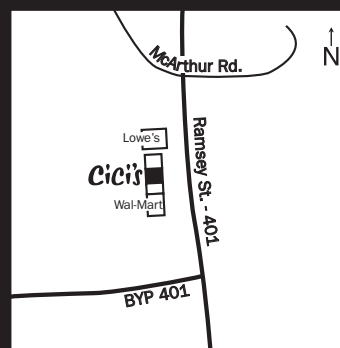
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## Game Results

Date	Opponent	Result
<b>Football</b>		
Nov. 1	Maryville	L 38-0
<b>Men's Soccer</b>		
Nov. 4	Ferrum	W 0-7
Nov. 7	@ NC Wesleyan	L 0-7
<b>Women's Soccer</b>		
Nov. 4	NC Wesleyan	W 0-4
<b>Volleyball</b>		
Nov. 4	@ Greensboro	L 1-3

## Upcoming Home Games

Date	Opponent	Time
<b>Men's Basketball</b>		
Nov. 15	Virginia Wesleyan	2:00 p.m.
Nov. 16	Guilford College	3:00 p.m.
Nov. 29	Piedmont	2:00 p.m.
Dec. 1	Lynchburg	7:00 p.m.
<b>Women's Basketball</b>		
Nov. 29	Salem College	8:00 p.m.
Nov. 30	TBA	2:00 p.m.

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## Evans at VA Tech

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"This was a big confidence booster," Evans said. "We were hitting them in the mouth, and they didn't want to hit us after a while. They were coming up a little timid."

After the long run, Boone resumed quarterback duties on three plays, in what Tech is calling the Wild Turkey formation, before Glennon threw a 13-yard strike to set up an Evans touchdown dive from the 1.

The eight-play, 80-yard drive gave the Hokies a 14-3 lead late in the half. After a quick Maryland punt - the Terps were held to just 228 total yards - Glennon hit a wide-open Boone down the middle for 26 yards. That set up a 35-yard Dustin Keys field goal and 17-3 halftime lead.

The Terrapins continued to unravel immediately after the break. Tech defensive end Orion Martin sacked Chris Turner on Maryland's first play

of the third quarter, forcing a fumble that Tech recovered at the Terps' 18.

Keys' 30-yard field goal extended the lead to 17.

Maryland flashed a pulse, though, with a 98-yard drive moments later. The Terps escaped the shadow of their end zone thanks to a personal foul on Tech.

Turner hit star receiver Darrius Heyward-Bey on a short slant. He raced past diving free safety Kam Chancellor for a 63-yard score to make it 20-10.

Chancellor, a Maury High graduate, found trouble again when a Maryland punt bounced off his back and the Terps recovered at the Hokies' 11-yard line. The defense held, though, and Maryland chipped into the lead with a field goal. Tech led 20-13 heading into the fourth quarter.

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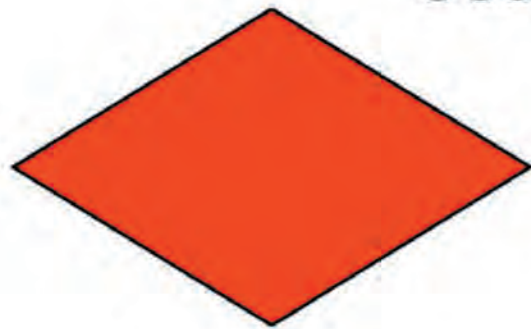
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